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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/726/Add.1)]

51/234. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling also its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which were resolution 50/234 of 7 June 1996 and decision 51/440 of 16 December 1996,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observation Mission that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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[1] A/51/658/Add.1 and 2.

[2] A/51/683/Add.1.

[3] A/51/432, annex.

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Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 15 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9,455,734 United States dollars, representing 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 April 1997, notes that some 32 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses its continued appreciation of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

5. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observation Mission in full and on time;

6. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[3]

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 51,487,500 dollars gross (49,599,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of 1,952,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, a two-thirds share of this amount, equivalent to 33,066,200 dollars, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Observation Mission, equivalent to 33,066,200 dollars, to apportion among Member States the amount of 18,421,300 dollars gross (16,533,100 dollars net), representing one third of the cost of the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, the said amount to be assessed at a monthly rate of 1,535,108 dollars gross (1,377,758 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and for the year 1998,[4] subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Observation Mission;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,888,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

11. Decides that, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Observation Mission, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,723,200 dollars gross (1,440,000 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 4,603,200 dollars gross (4,320,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996;

12. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,723,200 dollars gross (1,440,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. Decides further that two thirds of the net unencumbered balance of 4,320,000 dollars, equivalent to 2,880,000 dollars, shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to recover the overpayment of mission subsistence allowance in the estimated amount of 988,443.5 dollars and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the results of action taken for its recovery, including measures taken with respect to those responsible for the overpayment;

15. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

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[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session, under the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/921)]

51/235. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1092 (1996) of 23 December 1996,

Recalling also its resolution 50/236 of 7 June 1996 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting the agreement of the Government of Greece that, for the period under consideration, a proportion of its annual voluntary contribution will serve to cover, in part, the United Nations obligations regarding termination benefits payable to locally employed civilian staff,

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[1] A/51/755 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[2] A/51/851 and Corr.1.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation to all those Member States and observer States which have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all of the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 13 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 13,326,013 United States dollars, representing 15 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period ending 30 June 1997, notes that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[1] S/1994/647; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of 48,000,800 dollars gross (45,877,800 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of 1,939,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and an amount of 1,131,000 dollars for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilians relating to the period of employment after 15 June 1993;

8. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 15,292,600 dollars, by the Government of Cyprus and of 3,731,333 dollars by the Government of Greece, to apportion among Member States the amount of 28,976,867 dollars gross (26,853,867 dollars net), including an amount of 2,768,667 dollars, as provided for in paragraph 12 below, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, to be assessed at a monthly rate of 2,414,738 dollars gross (2,237,822 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and for the year 1998,[1] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1997;

9. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,123,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

10. Decides to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

11. Calls upon Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for the Force to enable the United Nations to meet its remaining obligations with respect to the locally employed civilian staff;

12. Notes the agreement of the Government of Greece to earmark, on an ad hoc basis, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, an amount of 2,768,667 dollars from its annual voluntary contribution of 6.5 million dollars to the Force, for this purpose;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

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[1] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

14. Requests the Secretary-General to direct the Office of Internal Oversight Services to evaluate the events and circumstances that led to United Nations responsibility for termination pay to the locally employed civilians in the Force, including all aspects of accountability and responsibility of United Nations staff, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/503/Add.1)]

51/236. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1096 (1997) of 30 January 1997,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 51/406 of 17 October 1996,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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[1] A/51/793 and Add.1.

[2] A/51/855.

[3] A/51/432, annex.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 15 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 6 million United States dollars, representing 12 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1997, notes that some 20 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 18,580,500 dollars gross (17,582,100 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 765,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 1,548,375 dollars gross (1,465,175 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224

of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and for the year 1998,[4] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 31 July 1997;

8. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 998,400 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

9. Decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,056,950 dollars gross (831,900 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1996;

10. Decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,056,950 dollars gross (831,900 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1996 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/920)]

51/237. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the latest of which was resolution 1099 (1997) of 14 March 1997,

Recalling also its resolutions 49/240 of 31 March 1995 and 50/238 of 7 June 1996 on the financing of the Mission of Observers,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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[1] A/51/784 and Add.1 and 2.

[2] A/51/850.

[3] A/51/432, annex.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 15 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 2,508,489 United States dollars, representing 13 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 15 June 1997, notes that some 13 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[3]

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of 8,275,700 dollars gross (7,721,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 308,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 689,642 dollars gross (643,442 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of

23 December 1995, and for the year 1998,[4] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 15 June 1997;

8. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 554,400 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

9. Decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,548,000 dollars gross (1,402,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 17 June to 15 December 1995;

10. Decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,548,000 dollars gross (1,402,800 dollars net) for the period from 17 June to 15 December 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

11. Decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,312,200 dollars gross (1,260,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 16 December 1995 to 30 June 1996;

12. Decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,312,200 dollars gross (1,260,800 dollars net) for the period from 16 December 1995 to 30 June 1996 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund established in accordance with paragraph 13 of Security Council resolution 968 (1994);

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/51/L.74)]

51/238. Use of the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/188

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 15 of its resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 relating to a special voluntary fund to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the negotiation process of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,

Recalling also paragraph 13 of its resolution 47/188 and paragraph 8 of resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995 relating to the possibility of using the Trust Fund to support the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Committee,

Recalling further paragraph 1? (b) of its resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996 concerning the maintenance of arrangements relating to extrabudgetary funds,

Noting with pleasure the entry into force on 26 December 1996 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,[1]

[1] A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

1. Decides that the head of the interim secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall have the possibility of using the Special Voluntary Fund, as appropriate, to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

2. Decides also that the head of the interim secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall have the possibility of using the Trust Fund, as appropriate, to support the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/753/Add.2)]

51/239. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996 and 51/226 of 3 April 1997 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[3]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Noting the recent significant decline in peacekeeping expenditure, and recognizing that this should lead to a commensurate decline in backstopping requirements funded through the support account for peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations;[1]

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[1] A/51/890.

[2] A/51/906 and Corr.1.

[3] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Fifth Committee, 65th, 67th and 70th meetings (A/C.5/51/SR.65, 67 and 70), and corrigendum.

2. Also takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. Regrets the delayed submission by the Secretary-General of his report on the support account, and decides that his next report on the support account, for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, should be submitted no later than 31 March 1998;

4. Also regrets the non-compliance of the Secretary-General with the request in paragraph 8 of its resolution 50/221 B to submit a comprehensive proposal on the total requirement for human resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

5. Emphasizes that it is necessary to have fully substantiated and comprehensive proposals for the total requirements for human and material resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, including from the regular budget, trust funds and voluntary contributions, both in cash and in kind, for the period of the support account proposal;

6. Reiterates its requests to the Secretary-General in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of its resolution 50/221 B, in preparing his annual proposals for the support account, and taking into consideration the temporary nature of the current level of resources, to review and substantiate comprehensively the entire post and non-post requirements for the support account; in preparing his report on the support account for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to submit a comprehensive proposal on the total requirement for human resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, including posts financed from the regular budget and trust funds, officers on loan from Member States and other voluntary contributions during the period, to enable the General Assembly to decide on the level of human resources required; and to submit proposals that reflect as closely as possible the overall evolution of peacekeeping budgets and any additional relevant observations and recommendations regarding the lessons learned from the previous year of operation of the support account;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit an in-depth evaluation and subsequent budgetary proposals that reflect as closely as possible the overall evolution of peacekeeping trends, including any relevant restructuring of the various divisions and units involved in backstopping activities, taking into account the lessons learned from previous years' experience of operating the support account and the workload relating to closed and completed missions;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session the evaluation portion of the above-mentioned report;

9. Regrets the lack of a performance report on the operation of the support account in the context of the annual consideration by the General Assembly of the proposals of the Secretary-General for the account, as requested in paragraph 6 of its resolution 50/221 B;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, in his report on the support account for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to submit a performance report, including information on redeployments, if any, between units, covering the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 and the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997;

11. Affirms the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

12. Decides to maintain for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 the funding mechanism for the support account provisionally approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

13. Approves, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, the proposals of the Secretary-General with regard to post and non-post resource requirements as contained in his report,[1] as amended by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33 and 37 of its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

14. Also approves an appropriation in the amount of 158,500 United States dollars under general temporary assistance for the sole purpose of processing the backlog of claims referred to in paragraph 16 below;

15. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to create one P-4 post and one General Service post in the Claims and Information Management Section of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to utilize the P-2 post proposed for redeployment to the Personnel Management and Support Service[5] for processing claims in the Claims and Information Management Section;

16. Notes from the information provided by the Secretariat that the current backlog of death and disability claims is five hundred and sixty-four;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly quarterly written reports on the progress made in clearing the backlog;

18. Takes note of the usefulness of the lessons learned capacity, and requests the Secretary-General to submit, no later than 31 August 1997, for consideration during the third part of its resumed fifty-first session, proposals on resources and structure to strengthen the functions and to ensure the sharing and application of experience gained in peacekeeping operations;

19. Approves an appropriation of 1 million dollars for the rental of premises;

20. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments not exceeding 808,500 dollars for the rental of premises;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the performance report information on the use of resources provided for the rental of premises since 1992;

22. Decides that officers in the Office of Operations of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations whose workload has been reduced owing to the ending of some peacekeeping operations should be detailed to assist in eliminating the backlog;

23. Reaffirms the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly in which it requested the Secretary-General to fill the vacant support account posts as soon as possible, in a manner consistent with those resolutions and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

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[4] See A/51/906 and Corr.1, para. 22.

[5] See A/51/890, annex I.A, para. 35.

24. Decides that posts funded from the support account shall be filled and managed in compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

25. Calls upon the Secretary-General to stop immediately the practice of giving personnel on short-term appointments consultant contracts for a short period and then rehiring them on short-term appointments in violation of the spirit of open and transparent recruiting practices;

26. Requests the Secretary-General to assign the functions referred to in paragraphs 16, 17 and 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee[2] to personnel occupying approved posts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, no later than 31 March 1998.

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